

CITY OF SANTA CLARA
YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES
October 14, 2008

The City of Santa Clara Youth Commission met for an informational meeting on Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at 6:00pm at the Santa Clara Teen Center, 2446 Cabrillo Avenue, Santa Clara, California.

Present: Commissioners: Ferheen Abbasi, Adeeb Chowdhury, Anthony Danh, Emi Gothberg, Vanessa Harsh, Noama Iftekhhar, Jennifer Juniega, Kristina Little, Katelyn McInerney, Amisha Patel, Niral Patel, Vy Nguyen and Megan Reynolds

Absent: Paul Barghouth - excused
Any Vo - Unexcused

Guests: Manuel Hernandez – Boy Scout Troop 14

Staff Present: Jennifer Herb, Recreation Supervisor
Jon Kawada, Recreation Coordinator
Nan Choi, Young Adult Librarian

Matters for City Council Action – None

- I. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chair, Vanessa Harsh at 6:22 p.m.
- II. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS – Manuel Hernandez, Boy Scout Troop 14
- III. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS–
 - A. Wilcox
 - a. October 10 – RA meeting
 - b. October 25 – CSF Carwash
 - c. October 25 – ACT's
 - d. October 27 & 28 – Food Faire
 - e. November 6 – Blood Drive
 - f. November 6 & 7 – Drama Production, “Noises Off”
 - B. Library
 - a. October 22 – Kaplan, PSAT test preparation at 6:00pm
 - b. October 28 – “The Ultimate Gift,” Book/Movie discussion
 - C. Teen Center
 - a. October 31 - Halloween Scream, 3:00pm – 6:00pm. Middle and high school students.
 - D. Santa Clara
 - a. October 18 – PSAT's
 - b. October 21 – Freshman Parent Night
 - c. October 22 – Sophomore Parent Night
 - d. October 23 – Jr. Parent Night
 - e. November 7 – Renaissance Rally
 - f. November 12 – 24, Canned Food Drive
 - g. November 13 – 15, Drama Production, “The Matchmaker”
 - E. Miscellaneous

- a. November 11 – Miss Santa Clara orientation

IV. SUMMARY OF CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – none

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Election of officers – the Youth Commission voted and the following individuals were selected for the following positions: Chair – Vanessa Harsh, Vice Chair – Ferheen Abbasi, Secretary – Jennifer Juniega.
- B. Brainstorm and determine goals for 2008-2009 – the Youth Commission brainstormed different projects and activities that they wanted to accomplish or tackle during the 2008-2009 term. The determined goals are:
 - 1. Volunteering at 2nd Harvest Food Bank - November
 - 2. Benefit Bingo Spaghetti Dinner - January
 - 3. Neighborhood Clean-up - April
 - 4. Fashion Forward Fashion Show - May
- C. Brainstorm ideas and dates for Youth Commission teambuilding – the Youth Commission brainstormed different ideas for their day of teambuilding and decided that they wanted to participate in a ropes course on November 15. Jennifer Herb will look into a location and get back to the Youth Commission.
- D. Brainstorm ideas for Youth Commission T-shirts – the Youth Commission decided that they'd like to have their T-shirts be teal and sweatshirts be black. They agreed to let Jennifer Herb create a design for both. Jennifer Herb will start working on the design and then come back to the group for approval.
- E. Boards and Commission Recognition Dinner, October 10th – Commissioners Vy Nguyen and Vanessa Harsh attended the dinner along with their mothers. They reported that the dinner was really nice and they were able to meet a lot of different people.
- F. Halloween Part and the YAC, October 31 – The Youth Commission will be selling concessions during the party. The money raised will go into the Community Service Scholarship Fund.

VI. Committee Reports – the Youth Commission established committees based on what projects they have coming up. The following committee reports have been established:

- A. Neighborhood Clean-up – A committee meeting was scheduled for October 28 at 5:00pm.
- B. Benefit Bingo Spaghetti Dinner – A committee meeting was scheduled for October 28 at 5:30pm.
- C. Fashion Forward Fashion Show – A committee meeting was scheduled for October 28 at 6:00pm.
- D. Transportation - A committee meeting was scheduled for October 28 at 6:30pm.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Determine actual dates of special events – the Youth Commission discussed different dates for the events that they had selected and decided on the following:
 - 1. 2nd Harvest Food Band – November 20
 - 2. Benefit Bingo Spaghetti Dinner – January 30
 - 3. Neighborhood Clean-up – April 4
 - 4. Fashion Forward Benefit Fashion Show – May 2
- B. Youth Commission T-shirts – Jennifer Herb created multiple designs and let the Youth Commission decide as to which one they preferred. The Youth Commission

unanimously chose a design. Jennifer Herb will now work with T-shirt companies to have the shirts and sweatshirts printed.

- C. Halloween Party, October 31 - The Youth Commission will sell hot dogs, Uncrustables, chips, juice and milk boxes at the YAC Halloween Party and at the Teen Center during Halloween Scream. The money raised will go into the Community Service Scholarship Fund. Jennifer Herb will email the sign-up sheet for different shifts.
- D. Gobble² at the Teen Center, November 14 – The Teen Center is once again hosting the Gobble² from 6:00pm – 9:00pm. Clubs that are interested in having a booth should sign-up at the Teen Center by November 12. Sign-ups are on a first-come-first-serve basis.
- E. Teambuilding – Ropes Course, November 15 - Jennifer Herb located a ropes course at Saratoga Springs that is run by Odyssey Performance. She was able to book November 15. The Youth Commission will take part in an all day teambuilding activity from 9:00am – 4:00pm
- F. YAC Social, November 22 – Youth and Teen Recreation Services (YTRS) is holding a YAC social for all Youth Advisory/Commission/Activities groups. The event will be held in Redwood City at the Senior Center. Jennifer Herb will work with the group to organize transportation to and from the event.

VIII. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – None

- IX. ADJOURN – A motion was made by Ferheen Abbasi and seconded by Niral Patel to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm. Meeting was adjourned to the next scheduled meeting, Tuesday, November 4, at the Teen Center.

Minutes Prepared by: _____
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Recreation Supervisor